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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following preliminary amendment in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which claims priority to PCT Patent Application PCT/GB99/01234.

IN THE CLAIMS

In Claim 5, lines 1-2, please delete "any of the preceding claims" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

In Claim 8, lines 1-2, please delete "any of the preceding claims" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

In Claim 10, lines 1-2, please delete "any of the preceding claims" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

In Claim 11, line 1, please delete "any of claims 1-9" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

In Claim 12, lines 1-2, please delete "any of the preceding claims" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

In Claim 15, line 2, please delete "any of claims 1-12" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

In Claim 18, lines 3-4, please delete "any of claims 1-14" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

In Claim 21, lines 1-2, please delete "any of claims 1-12" without prejudice and substitute--Claim 1--therefor.

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